

# MEN REPORTING FOR PRACTICE

Baseball Activities Begun at V. M. I. and Outlook Is Very Good.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lexington, Va., February 19.—The past week witnessed the beginning of baseball activities at the Virginia Military Institute. The first steps toward the organization of this year's team were taken Thursday afternoon, when Coach White assembled the candidates in the gymnasium for a general prospectus of the situation. A good many men reported for the squad, and these, together with the old men who are back again, gave a goodly number from which to pick the nine which shall represent the institute on the diamond this spring.

Owing to the inclement weather of the last few days, no outdoor practice has been engaged in as yet, and the coach has confined himself mainly to indoor work with the pitchers. As soon as the weather permits, however, active outdoor practice will begin.

At present there seems to be a dearth of material from which to select pitchers. Throckmorton is the only man on the squad who has had any experience in this line of work. The loss of Moseley will be quite a blow to the team, especially so since with the present schedule one pitcher cannot do all the work.

Material for the other positions is plentiful. The members of last year's team who are back are: Reed and Groves, catchers; Owen, captain and first base; Moore, second base; Bryant, third base; Brand, left field; and Frinkle, Walker and Ewing, substitutes. Most of these men are almost sure of making their positions again this spring. Among the promising new candidates are: Jesse Leach and Sewell. All three of these men have had experience, and doubtless they will make good.

The team considers itself quite lucky in being able to secure again the services of Mr. White as coach. He is an old Virginia star, and has also had experience in league baseball. He has proved himself to be an excellent coach, and possesses an inside knowledge of the game which he is able to impart to the members of the team, both word and deed.

So far thirteen games have been scheduled, and the manager hopes to be able to secure several others. The schedule is as follows:

- March 29—Augusta Military Academy at Lexington.
- April 21—Roanoke College at Lexington.
- April 23—Fishburn at Lexington.
- April 28—St. John's College at Lexington.
- April 30—Franklin and Marshall at Lexington.
- April 30—Rutgers College at Lexington.
- April 17—Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Roanoke.
- April 22—Mechanical and Agricultural College at Lexington.
- April 24—University of South Carolina at Lexington.
- April 28—University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
- May 10—University of Tennessee at Lexington.
- May 18—Massachusetts College at Lexington.

## ARRANGING FOR FUNERAL OF REV. FATHER CARNE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Alexandria, Va., February 19.—The funeral of Rev. Father Richard L. Carne, who died yesterday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Theodore H. Ficklin, 714 Duke Street, will take place at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church. The services will consist of a solemn high mass, with Rev. Father Carne as celebrant, and Rev. Theodore H. Ficklin, pastor of St. Mary's, as deacon. Burial will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The pallbearers will be four nephews of the deceased and two former students of St. John's Academy. The pallbearers have not, however, been named by the family.

At a meeting of Fitzgerald Council No. 435, Knights of Columbus, held this morning at the Richmond Hotel, a committee of six members was appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect.

The body of Father Carne will be taken to St. Mary's Church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and lie in state until the hour of the funeral. Members of the Knights of Columbus will act as a guard of honor, while the body is in the church, acting in relays.

Another meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held tomorrow night, when further action will be taken on his death. The members of the order will attend the obsequies in a body.

All Records Broken.  
Ironwood, Mich., February 19.—All American records for ski jumping were broken today at the annual tournament of the Ironwood Ski Club. Fred Hagen, of Chippewa Falls, last year's national champion, who jumped 132 feet, broke the American record of 146 feet made by Marquette, Wis., last year by August Nordby, of Superior, Wis.

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## SHAFTS FROM SPORTLAND

By GUS MALBERT.

All of the youthful enthusiasts were out Saturday until the rain fell.

"Curses," murmured Jimmie, "Maledictions," said Saracino. But Whittine remained silent.

Somehow or other it is impossible to keep the ball players away from the turf. The members of the team are so full of vim and vigor that they are bound to get into mischief.

With the workmen working, and the players playing, to say nothing of Joe Houser's usual antics with his dog, and Billy Chapel's frequent trips to replenish the water bucket, there are say old times out at the park these days.

Manager Sullivan is occupying a niche playing the seven gods. Since he has found a real home, and as for Mrs. Sullivan, well, she is simply reveling in the spirit of Virginia sunshine.

Mention it not, but Pearce and Baker will be here March 1. Give me a day or two, they say, should they arrive a day earlier or later.

It takes all of my time these days keeping in touch with the local news. Unless one keeps on the job all the time there is little information volunteered. What a pleasure it must be to be in right with the powers that be.

Sometimes it isn't a pleasure at all, for a fellow likes to feel that what information he gathers for the benefit of the sweat of his brow. In addition, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has pleased when he pleases.

Now for a gentle sweat at the men who have been tempting me to the thinking men believe that an affidavit swearing to the salaries paid was a joke for the Virginia League.

The affidavit system will be in vogue in the Virginia League this season. It will be no joke. It will be enforced.

No city, when it comes to the administration of league affairs, or to the adoption of rules for the governing of the league, is bigger or greater or wilder more influence than the majority of the league have confidence in that man, Mr. To.

As to umpires, that's a question for the man who has been elected to the presidency of the league to decide. It seems now that at least a majority of the league have confidence in that man, Mr. To.

And as to that Claude Brady affair. Take a tip, Danville, and don't be ugly. Owner Bradley was very frank in his statement that while he was anxious, as was Sullivan, to secure the services of the pitcher, he would not attempt to take the man away from the tobacco city, if the claims of the men up there were just. Having that in mind he wrote a letter to Danville telling just what Richmond had done. In view of the very fair and sportsmanlike manner in which the local owner has acted, it is not up to the city on the Dan to act unkindly.

Treat fairness with fairness. When you're right, there's no need for a declaration of your acts. Being right is sufficient justification. And that's a mighty good principle to follow, even if I did say it.

With the following list of men signed, it looks as if Danville was pretty well off without trying to gobble everything in sight.

Outfielders—Eddie Alder, of Baltimore; Clarence H. Irvine, of Harrisonburg; George Johnson, of Baltimore; W. M. Lumsden, of Whiteville, N. C.; Herndon Russell, of Baltimore; George Stuckert, of Baltimore; George Thompson, of Washington; Joseph Ward, of Baltimore; Jack King, of Haverhill, Mass.; Walter Alexander, of Baltimore.

Pitchers—R. H. Morgan, of Goldsboro, N. C.; Harry H. Morgan, of Baltimore; James J. Clancy, of Baltimore; Arthur A. Howell, of Tennessee; George Johnson, of Baltimore; W. M. Lumsden, of Whiteville, N. C.; Herndon Russell, of Baltimore; George Stuckert, of Baltimore; George Thompson, of Washington; Joseph Ward, of Baltimore; Jack King, of Haverhill, Mass.; Walter Alexander, of Baltimore.

Catchers—Joseph Laughlin (manager), of Smith, or last year's team; Johnny Williams, of Baltimore.

In addition to these, Secretary J. H. Farrell has been negotiating the following list of players as having signed contracts with Danville: Newton Morton, John Lee, Roger D. Drenning, Lawrence Tamey, Jack Cudde, Harry Meyers, August Maxwell (or Maxwell), Melvin Legates, E. R. Saylor and Leon Lee. No information is available as to the positions these men play.

From the grave of the impossible comes the expression from one of the scribes in Norfolk that the Tidewater League may this day be many—will give no quarter to the Virginia League in the same breath the learned pen also has antagonism to the Vir-

# WASHINGTON AND LEE ANSWERS UNIVERSITY C.P. Light, Member Press Committee at Lexington School, Replies to Letter From Tom Towles Stating Virginia's Position in Regard to Athletic Relations With W. & L. and V. P. I.

Lexington, Va., February 19.—In a statement issued from the Press Association of the University of Virginia, we note the following preface: "When the faculty and athletic committee that control athletics at Virginia announced several weeks ago that there would be no football game with V. P. I., there was considerable dissatisfaction all over the State over the reasons assigned. It was felt that the decision did not meet with the wish of the student body of the university." Following this comes a series of references and perversions of ancient history concerning the defeat of the University of Virginia by Washington and Lee in 1907 in football, and the failure of the University of Virginia to schedule a game with Washington and Lee since. All these statements lead up to the climax in what purports to be an official statement by Tom Towles, a member of the G. A. A. of the University of Virginia.

The reasons assigned by Mr. Towles why the University of Virginia is not going to play Washington and Lee and V. P. I. in football next year are: First, lower entrance requirements than Virginia, and second, a preference on their part to consider Georgetown and Cornell their football rivals, rather than Washington and Lee and V. P. I. This from one who was elected to vote for games with the latter schools.

The first excuse—not a reason—is in the nature of a very questionable assertion. "If we are outlaws then make the most of it. We have never claimed to be otherwise." Go forth, go south, go—oh, s'wan.

Mr. Ford has finally decided to sign a contract with Hal Chase. Of course, we all knew he would. But every line written means that much publicity, and they need it in New York, as well as in the pushes.

Dutch Revella is not to go to Hot Springs, after all. He will go straight to Athens with Arthur Irwin and the rest of the recruits. May he develop into a veteran.

Ragsdale, a Virginia boy, who was last season regarded as one of the best catchers in the Virginia Valley League, has been purchased by Buffalo, of the New York State League.

Jimmie McAlister is still worrying the Washington writers. He is still sore now because Jimmie remains too far away from base for any information to drift through except via the reprint route. Get to it, fellows.

Fal Moore is to be added to the come-back list. After his recent miserable showing, he got together with Bert Keyes and licked that boy to a mish in New York Friday night.

George Cowan, the fellow who you like whether you want to or not, getting into trim by working out in a local gymnasium every day.

Cock fighting? Ask any of the magistrates of Henricshire. Not a puzzle. Just a dare.

Several Virginians were at the dinner held in New York this week for the sportsmen of the United States. Among them were James W. Graves, of Richmond, and Al. C. Jackson, of Petersburg.

The dinner which was suggested by Harry W. Smith, formerly M. P. H. of the Loudoun house, and owner of the champion pack of American hounds, having defeated Mr. Higgen, was a short while back, was presided over by that premier sportsman, August Belmont.

All branches of sports were represented, including the gathering of drivers, being the gathering of the amateur and inanimate in sportland.

Mr. Smith is now master of the Grafton house.

James W. Graves, the local representative present, is thinking of a famous dinner for sportsmen in Virginia. Here's hoping.

Don't forget that those prep school boys did some racing in the indoor meet at the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday. If you don't believe it look at the summaries.

## SWALLOWED BY THE EARTH

Man Carried So Swiftly That He Is Not Smothered.  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., February 19.—After being sucked into the earth for a distance of about seventy feet by a cave-in over old mine workings, William Hobbs, of Duryea, following a remarkable escape, is now in the Pittston Hospital, and is expected to recover. When the ground beneath Hobbs gave way he was carried down so swiftly that he was not smothered, but was shot out into an air mine chamber, his hip having been dislocated and his ribs broken in the descent.

He has a fair chance of getting out alive was to reach portion of the workings where men were engaged, and despite his injuries he started to crawl along the working. After going several hundred feet he fainted, and some hours later was found by workmen still unconscious.

Student and alumni are longing for the basketball game with the University of Virginia, which will be played next Thursday. While there has never lost a game to a college on the home floor, and only one V. M. C. A. team has ever been able to gain a victory from the team on this floor. Knowing the strength of Virginia the team is working harder than ever in order that it may be able to maintain the record of former years.

There are at present more applicants for the track team than ever before. The chief stimulus to those trying for the varsity is the class track meet to be held on February 24. To participate in this meet one must not have participated in three intercollegiate meets. In this meet prizes will be given to the persons winning the most points and to the winner of each first place.

A. L. Martin, of Northampton county, has been elected manager of the football team for next year. Martin is a member of the sophomore class, and is a ministerial student. Last year he was a member of the scrubs, while this season he played only class ball but made the all-class team. The Thanksgiving game will be played with Davidson in Charlotte.

# EDUCATE FARMERS BETTER THAN NAVY

W. C. Brown Says Price of One Battleship Would Do Work.

## HE FAVORS RECIPROCITY

N. Y. Central President Thinks Western States Would Suffer a Time Only.

Galesburg, Ill., February 19.—W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central Railroad, spoke at the exercises of the Farmers' Day at Knox College. Many farmers were present. His address treated of the conservation of the soil and of the necessity of increasing its fertility to meet the needs of home consumption. He said:

"The United States is building two or three great battleships almost every year, which cost, fully equipped, perhaps an average of \$9,000,000 each, and it costs close to a million a year to man, supply and maintain each one.

"With the money that one of these fighting machines costs we could establish a fully equipped battle of experimental farms, \$40 an acre in every State in the Union, to be run by the general government.

"The establishment of such farms is followed by 160-acre farms owned and operated by the State in every county in our great agricultural States.

"Such farms, once established, would not only be self-supporting, but in my opinion would show a handsome profit. The effect of such an experiment in practical education upon the products and almost be the nation's farms would be a thriftless and uninformed farmer would note quickly the difference between the methods of his loss methods and those of the comparison. Men have no books on this important subject, but they could all come to study them if they had, would learn by that most apt and thorough teacher, observation, the value of improved methods and would adopt them.

"Let the government invest the price of one battleship in this important work, and it will return so intelligently and perseveringly for years, and the value that will have to each year's crops of the nation's farms will be a large supply of wheat now barely raised enough for home consumption.

"In my opinion, the nation continues to increase as rapidly as it has in the past, with a few years this country as a whole will be on a wheat importing rather than a wheat exporting basis. Wheat from Canada will be needed to supply our people with bread.

"I doubt if any of our other crop takes as much from the soil and returns so little as wheat, and it would be better that the land now devoted to wheat be used for pasture and for raising corn, which, in turn, should be fed to our stock, thus preserving the fertility of the soil.

"The reduction or wiping out of the duty on the output of our factories will be a very old remedy for compensating for loss, present and prospective, giving this country a diversified industry for a permanent prosperity and development than is possible when one industry so largely predominates."

Mr. Brown expressed himself strongly for Canadian reciprocity and against protection. Brown said that his interest in the proposed reciprocity agreement will be in the farming industry of the Mississippi Valley, and Missouri Valleys, but this interest will, in my opinion, be slight and temporary. Some of the States which a few years ago produced a large supply of wheat now barely raised enough for home consumption.

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## AMUSEMENTS

Bijou—"Her Son."  
Lubin—Vaudeville.

"The Paradise of Mahomet."  
Always justly noted for the completeness of the productions that he gives his stars, Manager Daniel V. Arthur is said to have outdone himself in the way he has staged and costumed the new comic opera, "The Paradise of Mahomet," which will bring Miss Grace Van Studdford to the Academy on Tuesday night.

The attraction on being brought here direct from the Grand Square Theatre, New York, in its entirety.

"Where the Trail Divides."  
In "Where the Trail Divides," the new play in which Robert Edson will appear at the Academy on Friday and Saturday nights, that star will, for the second time, enact an educated and polished American Indian. This fact will, of course, recall Mr. Edson's most famous role, "Strongheart," and the new play is in some respects similar to "Strongheart." Mr. Edson's role in that of How Lander, a Sioux Indian, whose marriage to a white woman brings about a highly interesting story. The play was written by Mr. Edson himself from Will Lillibridge, novel of the same name, and will introduce him for the first time in the double role of star and playwright. The cast includes: Eva, Dennison; "Chorus Lady" fame; Cordelia McDonald, A. H. Van Buren, George W. Barnum, Charles Chappelle, Joseph Rawley, Ship Camp, John Prescott and E. M. Dresser.

"Her Son" at Bijou.  
One of the most pretentious offerings of the season is announced as the attraction for the Bijou Theatre this week, with a musical matinee and special matinee Washington's Birthday. Charley Bradley's big success, "Her Son," a powerful dramatic play of New York, is the story of a day.

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University Glee Club.  
A new feature that has been added to the program arranged to be given in the auditorium of the Hotel Jefferson Thursday evening by the University of Virginia Glee Club will be the appearance of K. O. Payne in a feature, an impersonation sketch with George Walker, Payne was "leading lady" in the "King of Kings" comic opera given by the Academics, the dramatic club of the university, two years ago, and in that role made a decided success. He will be costumed in the garments of the actor and will act as well as sing their parts.

All arrangements for the coming of the university men have practically been completed. The trip to Richmond will be made on a special car, which will be attached to the Chesapeake and Ohio train leaving Charlottesville Thursday morning, and on arrival here the students will go to the Jefferson during the day.

The morning after the performance here the members of the Glee Club will leave for Staunton, where they will give an entertainment Friday night. From Staunton the university musicians go to Sweetbriar, Va., for a performance on Saturday evening. A dance is being planned by the young women of the Sweetbriar College in honor of the visitors.

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